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News & updates from our Shrine Churches for our community in Preston, Lancashire, England.



26TH AND FINAL SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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My dear friends,

But until then, let's not hold back our joy, and let's resolutely enter the season of Advent. We don't want a purely commercial, marketing Christmas. We don't want a Christmas where the flowers fade so quickly... we want to take our time. Time is not our enemy (as long as we don't waste it!). Time helps us to enter into the mysteries of our faith, to interiorise them and receive their light. We spend our lives

In just one month's time, we'll be celebrating the great feast of Christmas!

running and sometimes we miss the essential. Let's strengthen our prayer. We need to pray more; we need to pray better. Who better than Our Lady and the great

Novena to the Immaculate Conception to teach us the interior life?

See how God prepares her to become the tabernacle of the Most High, the most holy Mother of God. I urge you most fervently and paternally to join us again for this special time of the liturgical year. The novena from the 29th to the 7th is always a time of grace and personal and community conversion.

If you can't join us in church, at least be faithful at home to this form of little spiritual retreat, which will enable you to enter the season of Advent with zeal, and then, joyfully and well-disposed, to enter into the endless graces of the Incarnation of the Saviour.

God bless you all! G.Cristofoli, Your Rector.

TRANSLATION OF THE EPISTLE AND GOSPEL Twenty-sixth and final Sunday after Pentecost

Lesson from the letter of St. Paul the Apostle to the Colossians Col 1:9-14

Brethren: We have been praying for you unceasingly, asking that you may be filled with knowledge of God's will, in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. May you walk worthily of God and please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God. May you be completely strengthened through His glorious power unto perfect patience and long-suffering; joyfully rendering thanks to God the Father, Who has made us worthy to share the lot of the saints in light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of His beloved Son, in Whom we have our redemption, through His Blood, the remission of our sins.

Continuation ♥ of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew Matt 24:15-35

At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: When you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place - let him who reads understand - then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything from his house; and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. But woe to those who are with child, or have infants at the breast in those days! But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor will be. And unless those days had been shortened, no living creature would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. Then if anyone say to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise, and will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Behold, I have told it to you beforehand. If therefore they say to you, 'Behold, He is in the desert,' do not go forth; 'Behold, He is in the inner chambers,' do not believe it. For as the lightning comes forth from the east and shines even to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Wherever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together. But immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then will all tribes of the earth mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with great power and majesty. And He will send forth His angels with a trumpet and a great sound, and they will gather His elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch is now tender, and the leaves break forth, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door. Amen I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things have been accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Our prayer intentions this week:

For our sick members:
Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Anita.
Mark and Ligaya McKay, Peter, Bob, Will
Arthur and Maxine Frankland, William, Fleur
Williams.

Please in your charity, pray for Bernadette Lindsay who passed away recently RIP.

For the residents of Swansea Terrace and Moor Park House.

For deceased friends, family and benefactors of the Institute. For members of the Society of the Sacred Heart.



Congratulations to Dennis and Anne

The happy couple were married yesterday (Saturday, 25 November) in Saint Walburge's Church May God grant you many happy years together!

Ad multos annos!





Welcome Canon Tanner

We have the great joy to welcome back our beloved Canon Tanner for a short visit. Canon is celebrating the Mass and giving us the homily today

Ordo	Mass and Confession Times	Offices and Devotions	Mass Intentions
Sunday 26/XI Final Sunday after Pentecost. *Guild Sunday*	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Confessions: 10am SW	8:00am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers & Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Pious Lists RIP Canon Post: Society SVdP RIP Canon Ducret: Joyce & Jim Lyons
Monday 27/XI Daily Mass of Requiem	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6pm SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Pious Lists RIP Canon Post: Poor Souls in Purgatory Canon Ducret: Bernarda Klich RIP
Tuesday 28/XI Daily Mass of Requiem	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6pm SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Adoration 7pm Compline	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Pious Lists RIP Canon Post: Poor Souls in Purgatory Canon Ducret: Deceased members of the Bolton & Massey families
Wednesday 29/XI St Saturninus (St Cuthbert Mayne)	8:30 Mass SW *12 noon <u>SW</u> *	5:30pm Vespers 6pm Immaculate Conception Novena	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Pious Lists RIP Canon Post: Novena of thanksgiving Canon Ducret: Osbaldeston family
Thursday 30/XI St Andrew the Apostle	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM Confessions: 6pm SW	7.30am Lauds *9:15-6:45pm Adoration* 6pm Immaculate Conception Novena	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Pious Lists RIP Canon Post: Novena of thanksgiving Canon Ducret: Carmenza Davis Acosta RIP
Friday 1/XII First Friday Mass of the Sacred Heart	8:30 Mass SW 12 noon EM (Sung) Confessions: 6pm SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Immaculate Conception Novena	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Lord Moylan Canon Post: Novena of thanksgiving Canon Ducret: Francis Pope RIP
Saturday 2/XII First Saturday Mass of the Immaculate Heart	8:30 SW *12 noon SW* Confessions 9:15 SW	7.30am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers 6pm Immaculate Conception Novena	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Lord Moylan Canon Post: Novena of thanksgiving Canon Ducret: Catherine Sibert
Sunday 3/XII First Sunday of Advent	9:00 EM 10:30 SW 6:30pm SW Conf: 10-10:30 SW	8:00am Lauds 5:30pm Vespers and Benediction	Canon Cristofoli: Novena Lord Moylan Canon Post: Novena of thanksgiving Canon Ducret: Mary McGee



Announcements

<u>Saint Walburge's Guilds/Catechism Sundays:</u> 26th November. **No Guilds in December.** Bring a packed lunch to the church hall following High Mass. Catechetical talks for children of all ages and adults begin at 1pm.

<u>Men's Club:</u> Monday, 27 November, 7:30pm at Saint Walburge's Presbytery. Social for the gentlemen with a conference by Canon Cristofoli on the spirit of Christian fatherhood.

<u>Novena to the Immaculate Conception:</u> 29th November--7th December. 5:30pm Vespers followed by a sermon (6pm) in honour of Our Lady by guest preachers, concluding with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This year's theme: Devotions and prayers in honour of the Blessed Virgin.

Rorate Caeli Mass: Saturday, 9th December 6:30am. A traditional Advent Mass by candlelight in honour of Our Lady.

<u>Christmas Bazaar:</u> Sunday 10th December. Volunteers are needed to run stalls! Please contact one of the canons. We are also seeking goods for the bazaar: bottles, bric-a-brac, raffle prizes, toys. Please bring to the presbytery as soon as possible.

<u>Christmas Carol Concert:</u> Friday, 15th December, 6pm. You are invited to join us for this highlight event and to help promote it within the community.

Piety shop: Now in stock: Christmas cards and tree decorations, advent candles, calendars and more!

<u>Our Safeguarding Representative:</u> Mr. Peter Dilworth--peter.dilworth@icksp.org.uk. See Church notice board for further safeguarding information.

<u>Last week's collections:</u> SW: £593.90 Bank transfers: £385.00 EM: £89.64 3-Peaks sponsored walk final total: £1157.10

<u>Christmas Schedule:</u> Sunday, 24 December (Vigil of Christmas) ***NO 6:30pm Evening Mass.*** 8:30pm Matins service at Saint Walburge's. 11:15pm Traditional English Christmas Carols (SW).

Monday, 25 December (The Holy Nativity of Our Lord): 12am Solemn Mass of Midnight (SW).

8:30am Low Mass (2nd Mass of Christmas-Mass of the Dawn) at Saint Walburge's.

10:30am Solemn Mass (3rd Mass of Christmas—Mass of the Day) at Saint Walburge's.

5:30pm Solemn Second Vespers of the Nativity at SW. See ICKSP website for full listings.



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